



Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office City Council Meeting Updates 7.26.18

A brief summary of important City Council updates discussed during the July 19, 2018 Joint Boards/Commissions Meeting and July 24, 2018 regularly scheduled meeting are provided below.

July 19, 2018 – Joint City Council and Boards/Commissions Meeting ([Meeting Agenda](#))

When we work together we are at our best. The Hermosa Beach City Council and our commissioners had an opportunity to get together last week to talk accomplishments of the last year and look ahead to goals, challenges, and priorities for the upcoming year. It was also a great opportunity to thank our commissioners who dedicate countless volunteer hours to making Hermosa Beach the best little beach city.



July 24, 2018 ([Meeting Agenda](#))

Quarterly Fire Services and EMS Response Update – LA County Fire Assistant Chief Hale provided an update on the services administered by the county for the second quarter of 2018. During the quarter, LA County Fire responded to 420 incidents with an average response time of 5.17 minutes. Average Response Time is defined as the time that the first-arriving units (excluding lifeguard units) arrive at each incident and includes emergency and non-emergency calls. In addition to fire and emergency medical services, Chief Hale also provided an update for the fire station construction project. Planning and design of the station remodel will continue until February 2019 and the physical construction is scheduled to begin in March 2019.

Public Hearing to Establish Local Standards for State Mandated Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) in Residential Zones – With a 4-1 vote, City Council concurred with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and introduced an ordinance to establish local standards for State-mandated accessory dwelling units (ADU) in residential zones with an amendment requiring automobile lifts to be located within an enclosed structure. Furthermore, the ordinance has an owner-occupancy requirement for ADU's and City Council approved increasing the penalties for violations of that provision of the ordinance to align with other similar penalties. As part of a larger effort to preserve the characteristics of Hermosa Beach, City Council further directed staff to prepare a letter to oppose pending legislation that decreases local control over ADUs and bring back an agenda item on the topic of lifts along with recommended guidelines.

Fiesta Hermosa Update and Presentation – Following an update from the Council Sub-committee and presentation by the Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce, City Council approved (4-1 vote) to reconfigure the footprint of Fiesta



Hermosa for the 2018 Labor Day Weekend event in an effort to implement and test new improvements to Fiesta Hermosa. The Council subcommittee will also continue to work in a coordinated effort with staff and the Chamber of Commerce to identify areas for potential future improvements to the Fiesta Hermosa events in the following categories:

- A clearer sense of what we are celebrating
- Enhance local crafts and culture
- Refocus the vendor mix
- Elevate the event experience for attendees, local business operators and exhibitors



Consideration and Adoption of City's Homelessness Plan

– City Council unanimously approved the adoption of the City's plan to address homelessness locally and regionally. Hermosa Beach's Homelessness Plan is built on the City's existing efforts and established partnerships, its long-term goals for ensuring community safety, a review of existing resources and opportunities, and input from a variety of stakeholders. The goals and supporting strategies of the Plan will position the City well to address homeless prevention and early intervention more effectively through regional partnerships while securing outside funding for local partners.



Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Award of Contract for Construction Services – City Council unanimously approved the Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for ADA curb ramp improvements, pedestrian signal and crosswalk modifications on PCH between 2nd Street and 21st Street. Council further awarded a construction contract with EBS General Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$264,000 to perform the work.

Miscellaneous Items

- **Vacancy of an Unexpired Term on the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission (EPAC)** – Council accepted the resignation of EPAC member Matt McCool. The City Clerk has posted the notice of vacancy and will begin advertising the special vacancy notice. To learn more about the commission, visit our [Boards & Commissions](#) webpage.
- Councilmember Fangary provided an update on a vote by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to place the Safe, Clean Water Program and funding measure before voters on November 6, 2018, a comprehensive plan that would raise over \$300 million annually to increase local water supply and improve water quality in the Los Angeles region. Furthermore, Councilmember Fangary also provided an update on the Metro Crenshaw/Green Line Service Plan and the Bus/Rail Interface Plan being considered by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG).
- Councilmember Campbell reported on her attendance at the League of California Cities Los Angeles Division Annual Economic Development Conference on June 20, 2018 in Long Beach. The following are topic highlights from the program:
 - Next generation of mobile internet connectivity known as 5G networks
 - Private Public Partnerships (P3s) as a financing tool for cities
- Mayor Duclos reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities Mayors & Council Members Executive Forum in Monterey, California from June 27-28, 2018. The following are topic highlights from the program:



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- Keys to successful change in organizations and communities
 - Social media and their utilization in the government sector
 - The role of elected officials
 - Review of the California Pension System
 - Public Engagement and Trust
- Mayor Pro Tem Armato reported on her attendance at the Independent Cities Association Summer Seminar in Carlsbad, California from July 13-15, 2018. The following are topic highlights from the program:
 - Workplace Harassment and Discrimination Training
 - Anti-Bullying Policy
 - Hostile Work Environments

Other Matters/Tentative Agenda – To close out the meeting, Council directed staff to bring back agenda items at a future City Council meeting on the following topics:

- Expand the scheduled discussion on the role of the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission to also include how accessibility, cultural arts, and senior livability issues can be best addressed within the City's current network of commissions and community organizations
- Downtown Subcommittee to provide a status update on the Downtown Enhancement Plan
- Revisit Tobacco Retail Licensing Ordinance at an appropriate time

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018. THERE WILL BE NO CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 14, 2018.

Questions or comments? Contact the Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia Monday through Thursday, 7AM- 6PM at (310) 318-0201 or via email at ndeanda@hermosabch.org.

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